

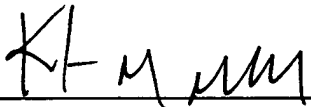
REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is presented in concurrent with the filing of, and prior to examination of the above-identified application. Entry is respectfully requested prior to calculation of claim fees. No new matter is believe to be added by this amendment. Upon entry of the amendment, claims 1-14 will be pending. Claims 6-8 and 11-14 are hereby amended to remove multiple dependencies.

Applicants believe the case is in form for allowance and request prompt examination and issuance of a Notice of Allowability. Should there remain any resolved issues, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Kurt M. Maschoff, Applicants' Attorney at (203) 972-0081 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

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